A Receipt to cure Mad Dogs, *or* Men *or* Beaſts *bitten by* Mad Dogs: *Communicated to the* Royal Society, *by Sir* Rob. Gourdon. By His *MAJESTIES* Command.

℞ *Agrimony* Roots, *Primroſe* Roots, *Dragon* Roots, Single *Peony* Roots, the Leaves of *Box*, of each a Handful; the *Starr of the Earth* two Handfuls; the black of *Crabs* Claws prepared, *Venice* Treacle, of each one Ounce; all theſe are to be beaten and bruiſed together, and boyled in about a Gallon of *Milk*, till the half be boyled away; then put it into a Bottle, unſtrained, and give of it, about 3 or 4 Spoonfuls at a time, to the *Dog* or *Beaſt*, three Mornings together before new and full *Moon*.

Obſerve that it will be neceſſary the Day before you adminiſter the Medicine, to take away a little Blood.

Some of theſe Roots and Herbs, being difficult to be gotten in the Winter, they may be gathered in their Seaſon, and being dryed, and well powdered, may be given mixt with the *Crabs* Claws, and *Venice* Treacle, with *Sallet* Oyl or *Butter*, and it will do as well.

If it be for Men or Women that are bitten with Mad *Dogs*; take the ſame Ingredients in the ſame Qantities, and the Roots and Herbs being bruiſed altogether, with the *Crabs* Claws and *Venice* Treacle; let them be infuſed warm in two Quarts of ſtrong *White* Wine, for at leaſt 12 Hours. This being ſtrained, the Party bitten is to take about a quarter of a Pint Evening and Morning, three Days before the new and full *Moon*; it may be ſweetned either with Sugar or ſome Cordial Syrup.

N. B. The Plant in this Receipt called *Starr of the Earth*, and which is the chief Ingredient, is known among the Botaniſts, by the Name of *Seſamoides Salamantica*, *Parkinſoni*, ſive *Lychnis viſcoſa flore muſcoſo*, *Caſp. Bauhini.* Anglice, *Spaniſh Catch-flie.* It grows plentifully about *Thetford*, and about the Mills near *New-Market.* *Vide* Raii *Catalogum Plantarum Angliæ*, *& Hiſtor. Plant Tom.* II. *inter Lychnides.*